

THE TUNGOLIN COMPANY, INC.

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LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI

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Dr. Robert Rowlands,
Lafayette Investment Company,
Birmingham, Miss.

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Dear Dr. Rowlands:

I note with a great deal of interest a copy of Admiral Strauss' letter to you concerning the Atomic Energy Commission's failure to use our Medicinal Tung Oil because of possible resultant dermatitis. I have no desire to engage in a controversy over the matter but I do believe that the situation calls for a little correction.

As you know, exploding the belief that tung oil caused dermatitis was one of our first accomplishments. With the help of Dr. M.M. Snelling, of Gulfport; Dr. James W. Burks Jr., of New Orleans; Dr. W.Z. Dobes, Associate Professor of Dermatology at Emory University, Atlanta; the Tulane School of Medicine, Pharmacology department, and the University of Tennessee's Pathology Department, we did a pretty good job of proving to the Food & Drug authorities in Washington that our refined, processed, pure American Tung Oil was non-toxic externally, as well as internally.

The enclosed reprint of a paper by Dr. Snelling, which appeared in the May, 1953, issue of the Mississippi Doctor, official journal of the Mississippi State Medical Association, goes into the subject thoroughly.

Since July 1951 we have manufactured and sold many thousands of bottles and jars of tung oil medicants for treatment of eczemas, athlete's foot, burns and scalds, acne, ulcers and numerous other conditions affecting the skin. To this date we have never had a single complaint about any dermatitic reaction. Physicians all over the United States are using our tung oil and some of the largest cosmetic houses are now working it into their formulas for lotions, creams, shampoos, etc.

If tung oil causes dermatitis how explain why several hundred men work in the 15 American tung crushing mills, breathing tung oil into their lungs continually, getting it in their hair and all over their bodies, without ever having registered a complaint about dermatitis?

If the AED's medical staff has unearthed some proof to offset

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our information to the contrary I certainly would like to see it and this is not said merely to engage in an argument. Our Medicinal Tung Oil cures dermatitis. It does not incite it.

My best regards to you and Mrs. Rowlands,

Very sincerely,



JOHN WATTS
President

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